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For: LASER PROCESSING APPARATUS, LASER PROCESSING TEMPERATURE  
MEASURING APPARATUS, LASER PROCESSING METHOD, AND LASER  
PROCESSING TEMPERATURE MEASURING METHOD

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Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

A copy of each listed non-US patent document is enclosed. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form. As for any documents listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 that is in a language other than English, relevance can be understood from an enclosed English abstract or at least partial translation or from mention in the specification or search report dated September 16, 2003 previously filed for a corresponding application.

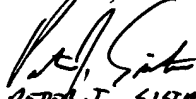
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